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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 9, 1978

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TODAY ON THE RHODESIAN
ACTIONS OF THE OTHER DAY?

A: AN END TO ALL FORMS OF LEGISLATED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
HAS BEEN A PRINCIPLE GOAL OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN NEGOTIATING
EFFORT. WE HAVE NOTED THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT
AND WILL ATTENTIVELY FOLLOW THE STEPS IT TAKES TO
IMPLEMENT ITS DECISION. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT SEVERAL
SPOKESMEN FOR THE RHODESIAN AFRICAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS,
BOTH INSIDE AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HAVE CRITICIZED THE
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LIMITED NATURE OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT, AND CALLED FOR
THE FULL REMOVAL OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.
WE BELIEVE THAT AN END TO DISCRIMINATION CAN BE BEST
ACHIEVED AS PART OF AN ALL ENCOMPASSING NEGOTIATED POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. WE ARE CONTINUING
OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TOWARD THAT GOAL, AND WE CONTINUE
TO BELIEVE THAT AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING IS ESSENTIAL TO
WORKING OUT A FAIR AND ENDURING SETTLEMENT, WHICH CAN BEST
ASSURE NOT ONLY AN END TO DISCRIMINATION BUT AN END TO

THE CONFLICT AS WELL.

Q: WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE AT THIS
POINT?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT. IT CONTINUES TO BE OUR GOAL.

Q: IS SECRETARY VANCE CONSIDERING, AS DAVID OWEN SEEMS TO
BE CONSIDERING, A TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TO ATTEND AN ALL-
PARTIES CONFERENCE LATER THIS MONTH?

A: I HAVE NO PLANS TO OFFER ON THAT. I DON'T THINK WE'RE

THAT FAR ALONG. VANCE

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